Potential of Rice Export from Andhra Pradesh

1242. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are likely to consider a programme to target rice as a major food grain export from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Govt. to enhance the quality and quantity of rice production from the Godavari delta in the East and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) At present, there is no specific programme to target rice as a major foodgrain export from Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The following steps have been taken to increase the quality and quantity of rice production in Andhra Pradesh;

(i) A Centrally Sponsored "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP rice)" is being implemented.

(ii) Two superior varieties of rice hybrids i.e. APHR-I and APHR-II have been developed for Andhra Pradesh. The seed production of these hybrids has been taken up by Shri Aurobindo Institute of Rural Development, Nalgonda District, A.P. and the Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad is coordinating the work of multiplication of seeds.

Uniform Admission Policy for Professional Colleges

1243. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private professional college management associations have since decided not to admit students for this academic year unless a uniform admission policy was evolved and the fee structure hiked substantially; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to resolve the issue so that the students are not confronted with any problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) no such incident has come to their notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of Molasses

1244. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the overall production of molasses in the country so far during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the State-wise details of the requirement and production of molasses as on date;

(c) the steps taken to ensure the demand of molasses in the deficit state;

(d) the Policy of Government in that regard, and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e) The Molasses Control Order, 1961 under which the prices and distribution of